

**MAPLE GROVE TRANSIT COMMISSION**  
**City of Maple Grove**  
**Meeting of July 30, 2013**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Terry Coss, Teri Anderson, Mandy Knudsen, and Mark Davison.

**Members Absent:** Jaime Renner.

**Also Present:** Mike Opatz - City of Maple Grove, Doyne Parson-Metro Transit, Colleen Swann - Metro Transit, and Bill Patten-Midwest Paratransit.

**Call to Order**

Transit Commission Chair Terry Coss called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Open Forum**

No one from the public spoke during the open forum.

**Approve Minutes**

Chair Terry Coss called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 28, 2013. Teri Anderson noted that the minutes indicted that Mark Davison was both present and absent. Mike Opatz stated that he was absent and that he would amend the minutes. Teri Anderson made the motion, Mandy Knudsen seconded the motion, and the amended minutes were approved.

**Discussion of Routes and Statistics**

Opatz reviewed the daily ridership statistics for July 2013 and the monthly ridership summaries from January 2013 through June 2013. Also, he noted that the year date ridership was nearly equal to 2012 as shown below:

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Jan</b>	70,645	72,475	2.59%
<b>Feb</b>	71,473	68,143	-4.66%
<b>Mar</b>	72,562	69,010	-4.90%
<b>Apr</b>	70,770	76,641	8.30%
<b>May</b>	71,614	71,021	-0.83%
<b>Jun</b>	65,205	64,299	-1.39%
<b>Total</b>	<b>422,269</b>	<b>421,589</b>	<b>-0.16%</b>

The Commissioner's had the following reports:

- Teri Anderson – Noted that the City responded very quickly to her report of a broken window in the northeast stairwell of the transit station. The issue with the traffic light at Redstone for 781 buses is no longer an issue. The shuttle bus for Maple Grove Days operated very smoothly and was a nice service to have. The incident with the driver not allowing standees was a one-time occurrence. Teri knows of a rider who states the 785 pm trip 2 is too early and the pm trip #3 (artic) often runs late causing it to become overloaded while the trip #4 has only a few riders.
- Mark Davison – The 789 is not in service right now, so been riding the 781. Some U of M commuters expressed a curiosity as to the change of the Route 789 this fall once the light rail service opens. Opatz noted that Route 789 changes will be finalized later this fall and implemented in December. Some 781 trips have become overloaded, but riders seem unwilling to catch the next bus when it is only a few minutes later.
- Mandy Knudsen – Route 780 operations are going well. Stated that if you get a complaint about the driver making fast lane changes the claim is unfounded. The rider attempts to put on make-up while riding the bus. The issue with the 780 pm driver not stopping before heading out of downtown is no longer an issue.
- Jaime Renner – absent.
- Terry Coss – No issues with the Route 783. Very pleased that the road construction delays have not yet materialized on 694. Feels the advance planning and detours were prudent. Further, the detours only added a few minutes over the normal routing. No longer see incidents of buses “blocking the box” intersection violations in Minneapolis.

### **Update on Phase 2 of Parkway Station**

Opatz reported that construction began on Parkway Station Phase on July 15. The project has started off in a positive manner. Phase 2 of Parkway Station involves expanding an existing 501-stall surface park-and-ride lot by constructing 298 additional parking stalls of structured parking for a total of 799 stalls at this site. The concrete parking ramp will be constructed using the post-tensioned cast-in-place method. The footings and foundation for the parking ramp were installed in Phase one, which will greatly shorten the construction period. Riders should be able to return to this facility in December.

The facility was closed on July 9 with riders directed to the temporary lot at Slumberland. The Route 785 detour to this lot appears to be working out well. Ridership is still strong and we have not received complaints from any riders.

### **Review Potential Bus Detours Due to Road Construction**

Opatz gave Transit Commissioners an update on the following bus detours and road construction projects:

- Route 782 Zachary Lane Detour – Contractor feels they might finish a few days earlier than the August 31 deadline.
- 694 Road Construction – Detours for the express portion of the routes were cancelled on June 21 as the congestion has not yet materialized as projected by MNDOT.
- Route 783 / 89<sup>th</sup> Avenue Road Construction – the mill and overlay project is progressing without a major impact to the Route 783.
- Route 789 will continue its current routing due to light rail transit construction until December 2013.
- Route 785 detour to temporary park-and-ride lot at Slumberland will continue until December 2013 and is operating with any issues.

#### **Adjourn / Next Meeting**

- Next Scheduled Regular Meeting is Tuesday, September 24, 2013
- Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.
- Minutes submitted by Mike Opatz, Transit Administrator.